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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/420,457
Applicant : Takeshi Yamamoto
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Title : NETWORK APPARATUS AND NETWORK COMMUNICATION
METHOD

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AMENDMENT "D" AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 1.116

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated February 27, 2004 (Paper No. 13).

The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on May 27, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

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